AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application:

Listing of Claims

1 – 40. (Canceled)

41.   (Currently Amended) A method for restricting communication in a wireless communication device, comprising the steps of:

receiving a phone number into the wireless communication device in an attempt to make a phone call;

utilizing a controller to determine a geographic characteristic of the received phone number;

~~requesting a current global positioning system (GPS) location from a global positioning system (GPS) functional device contained within the wireless communication device;~~

receiving ~~the~~ a current global positioning system (GPS) location from ~~the~~ a GPS functional device contained within the wireless communication device;

determining a current physical location of the wireless communication device utilizing the current GPS location;

utilizing a controller in the wireless communication device to determine if the current physical location matches at least one of a plurality of authorized physical locations stored in a memory of the wireless communication device;

utilizing a controller to determine if at least a portion of <u>the geographic characteristic of</u> the received phone number matches at least one geographic characteristic stored in the memory;

utilizing a controller to determine if a parameter associated with the geographic characteristic stored in the memory indicates that the geographic characteristic <u>of the received phone number</u> is an approved geographic characteristic, the parameter being independent of the physical location of the wireless communication device; and

permitting one of a placement of a phone call to the received phone number and a receipt of the phone call from the received phone number only if the current physical location matches ~~the~~ at least one <u>of the plurality of</u> authorized physical location<u>s</u> and if ~~the~~ at least ~~the~~ <u>a</u> portion of <u>the</u> geographic characteristic of the received phone number matches ~~the~~ at least one geographic characteristic <u>stored in the memory</u> and if the geographic characteristic <u>of the received phone number</u> is an approved geographic characteristic.

42.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein ~~the~~ at least one geographic characteristic is an area code, and ~~the~~ at least the portion of <u>geographic characteristic of</u> the received phone number is an area code.

43.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein the <u>received</u> phone number is received from a user interface of the wireless communication device.

44.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein at least one of a plurality of unauthorized physical location is stored in the memory; further comprising:

blocking one of the placement of a the phone call and the receipt of the a phone call based on the received phone number if the at least one of the plurality of unauthorized physical location matches the current physical location.

45.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein at least one of a plurality of unauthorized geographic characteristic is stored in the memory, further comprising:

blocking one of the placement of the phone call and the receipt of the phone call based on the received phone number if the at least the portion of the geographic characteristic of the received phone number matches the at least one of the plurality of unauthorized geographic characteristic.

46.   (Currently Amended) A wireless communication device, comprising:

a memory for storing at least one area code, a location independent parameter associated with the at least one area code, and at least one of a plurality of authorized location;

a user interface for inputting an outgoing number in an attempt to make a phone call into the wireless communication device, the outgoing number having an outgoing area code;

a wireless interface circuit for receiving an incoming phone number

corresponding to an incoming call to the wireless communication device, the incoming

phone number having an incoming area code;

a global positioning system (GPS) device for determining a current physical

location of the wireless communication device;

a ~~processor~~ controller connected to the memory, the user interface, the wireless

interface circuit and the GPS, the controller configured to

determine a geographic characteristic including a location parameter

associated with the outgoing area code of the inputted outgoing number, the

controller configured to determine if at least a portion of the location parameter

associated with the inputted outgoing number matches at least a portion of the

location independent parameter associated with the at least one area code

stored in memory, ~~the processor configured~~

to ~~request the current physical location from the GPS device and~~ receive

the current physical location from the GPS device, and ~~further configured~~

to allow one of a placement of an outgoing call to the outgoing number

and receipt of the incoming call ~~only~~ if ~~the~~

at least one of the plurality of authorized location matches the

current physical location and only if ~~the at least one~~ a portion of the of the

location independent parameter associated with the at least one area

code stored in memory matches one of the incoming area code and ~~the~~

~~outgoing area code~~ at least a portion of the location parameter associated

with the outgoing area code of the received outgoing number, and ~~only if~~

the location independent parameter associated with the at least

one area code indicates that the at least one area code is an authorized

area code.

47.   (Currently Amended) The wireless communication device of claim 46,

wherein at least one on of a plurality of unauthorized location is stored in the memory;

and

wherein the processor controller blocks one of the outgoing call and the incoming

call if the at least one of the plurality of unauthorized location matches the current

physical location.

48.   (Currently Amended) The wireless communication device of claim 46,

wherein at least one of a plurality of unauthorized area code is stored in the memory;

and

wherein the processor controller blocks one of the outgoing call and the incoming

call if the at least one of the plurality of unauthorized area code matches one of the

incoming area code and the outgoing area code.

49. – 54. (Cancelled)

55.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the current GPS

location is an absolute GPS position.

55 56.(Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the current GPS location is a relative GPS position.

56 57.(Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the at least one geographic characteristic stored in the memory comprises local toll charges. (spec, P.7)

57 58.(Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the at least one geographic characteristic stored in the memory comprises long distance charges. (spec, P.7)